

PINE BLUFF SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

THE SUMMER EDITION

AUGUST 2021



Message from Superintendent Barbara Warren

We are excited to welcome our scholars back into our classrooms for full-time, in-person learning! We are dedicated to working hard to reignite our students' passion for learning, reimagine learning opportunities, refocus on raising student achievement, and restore a sense of normalcy in the lives of our students and staff. We have learned a lot in this season and will continue to embrace the lessons learned as we strive to safely implement robust learning experiences for our scholars. To our resilient students, dedicated educators and staff, supportive families, and our committed community partners, this has been a team effort and I applaud all of you for your perseverance. Together we can make the 2021-2022 school year a memorable and successful school year for all.



WHAT'S INSIDE

New Administrators
Teach Plus Arkansas
Policy Fellow

Rising 5th Grade Book Club
Teacher Recruitment &
Retention
Page 02

Summer School
Page 03

GFPB and Minister's Alliance
celebrates PBSD Staff
Band Summer Update
Page 04

Back To School!



PUBLISHED FOR THE PBSD COMMUNITY



PINE BLUFF
SCHOOL DISTRICT
EXCELLENCE ALL DAY EVERY DAY

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

Wednesday, August 18, 2021

New Administrators PBSD 2021-2022 PRINCIPALS



MARCEINIA PEOPLES
FORREST PARK/ GREENVILLE



CLAUDETTE WHITE
34TH AVENUE



ALYCIA WILEY
BROADMOOR



DAVID SIMS
JAMES MATTHEWS



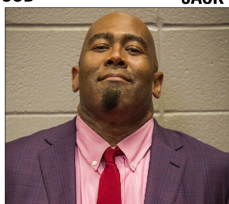
PAULA WATSON
SOUTHWOOD



ARNOLD ROBERTSON
JACK ROBEY



LEONDRA WILLIAMS
ROBERT F. MOREHEAD /
DOLLARWAY HIGH SCHOOL



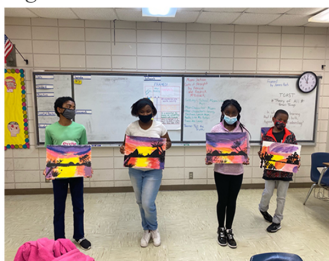
MICHAEL ANTHONY
PINE BLUFF HIGH SCHOOL



Rising 5th Grade Book Club

The Pine Bluff School District Rising 5th grade Book Club finished the 2021 summer camp reading James Ponti's *Framed!*. The book is centered around a young teen detective who is trying to solve a case about a painting.

The activities aligned with this text were students analyzing famous paintings of Vincent Van Gogh and being able to explore their own artistic abilities with Canvas art paintings!!!



Morgan Wilson chosen in Teach Plus Arkansas Policy Fellow

PBSD Teacher Morgan Willson has been chosen as a Policy Fellow for Teach Plus Arkansas. Ms. Wilson is one of 20 highly esteemed educators selected from across Arkansas for this year-long endeavor. Teach Plus is a national non-profit organization dedicated to the mission of empowering excellent, experienced teachers to take leadership over key policy and practice issues that affect their students' success. Ms. Wilson will have the opportunity to learn from teachers across the state and build skills that are transferable to teacher leadership opportunities within the district.



Teacher Recruitment & Retention

The office of recruitment and retention works to recruit and retain quality professionals to fill both certified and classified positions in The Pine Bluff School District. Our efforts are centered around the district's mission and vision where we focus on preparing all professionals to meet the unique needs of our scholars, families and the greater Pine Bluff community. Through local partnerships abroad, our office unites the specific resources necessary to aid in supporting all employees in an effort to sustain an effective workforce.

While our primary employment efforts are to actively seek certified teachers to fill vacancies within the district, we also recognize and support all nontraditional pathways to teacher licensure. Opportunities for classified employees to obtain a standard teacher license are also available. Recruitment fairs, partnerships with higher learning institutions, advertisements and many social media platforms are some of the ways we recruit our workforce.

We look forward to meeting our future colleagues and coworkers.

Office of Retention and Recruitment

Summer School

JAMES MATTHEWS SUMMER SCHOOL



Students at James Matthews engaged in many rigorous learning activities during Summer School. Some of the activities included on-site field trips from The Arts and Science Center, Museum of Discovery, a local farm, and PBL in the classrooms

ROBERT MOREHEAD



DOLLARWAY HIGH SCHOOL



PINE BLUFF HIGH SCHOOL



Pine Bluff High School had an attendance of 150 students for the 1st Summer Session. Students worked on recovering credits from the previous school year. During the 2nd Summer Session we had a daily attendance of around 100 students. Students worked on recovering credits during the morning and participated in enrichment activities after lunch. Students were rotated on a weekly basis to take part in different enrichment activities. Our enrichment activities included basketball, football, kickball, Jefferson County 4-H(Tekki Hunt), character building, and STEM (Dr. Cedrick Rice).

BROADMOOR



THIRTY-FOURTH



Author Tavorres Eskew reads to 2nd Grade Class at Thirty-Fourth School



FORREST PARK/ GREENVILLE

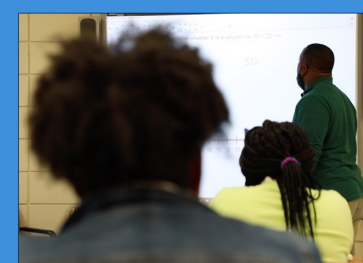


Forrest Park/ Greenville Summer school was one the busiest and most engaging summer program yet. While providing enrichment for the students, the staff also had a blast. The students took their weekly trips to the library and ended each week with a water day. There were scavenger hunts for the students and staff. We even had a school wide bingo tournament. The students also had dance, yoga and taekwondo classes. Our summer program ended with a class talent showcase with the staff kicking it off with line dancing.

SOUTHWOOD



JACK ROBEY



PBSD STAFF IS CELEBRATED BY GFPB AND PB FAITH COMMUNITY COALITION MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE



The Pine Bluff School District would like to express our sincere gratitude to the Pine Bluff Faith Community Coalition Ministerial Alliance, Pine Bluff Police Department and Go Forth Pine Bluff. The Ministerial Alliance provided refreshments for the district during our Back to School Convocation. Staff members were able to enjoy snacks throughout the day as they attended professional development. Lieutenant Hosea Thompson with PBPD discussed preventative tips and safety information with the staff for the upcoming school. Go Forth Pine Bluff in collaboration with Simmons Bank, Relyance Bank, Pine Bluff Convention Center and Tyson created an actual "Teachers' Lounge" in the arena of the Convention Center. Teachers throughout the city were treated to dinner and entertainment.

We are truly grateful to these organizations that have shown their appreciation to our profession. The Pine Bluff School District is excited about and anticipate the partnerships throughout this year. Thanks again for your support in helping to kick-off this 2021-2022 school year.



James Matthews Elementary teacher receives ARTA Scholarship Grant

Delaney Wells of Altheimer recently received a 2021 Parsons-Burnett Scholarship Grant for teachers.

These scholarships are awarded each year by the Arkansas Retired Teachers Association (ARTA.) The agency's purpose is to support the further education of practicing Arkansas public-school educators, according to a news release.

Wells is a graduate of Hendrix College. She is a teacher at James Matthews Elementary in the Dollarway community of the Pine Bluff School District. She plans to use the funds to pursue a master's degree in educational equity.

PINE BLUFF HIGH SCHOOL BAND

The band has been in band camp since June 7th, starting with the drumline, 6:30am to 1:30pm. From there we brought in our leaders, freshmen and newcomers. After our two week break, we arrived July 12 with our full ensemble. The students have been doing well battling the Arkansas heat as well as learning the new material.

Some expectations of the 2021 edition of the Pine Bluff High Marching Band is to be a well-oiled machine, although small in size, we will have a big sound. We are going to be a fun, entertaining, yet disciplined band to see this upcoming season.



Pine Bluff High School Band Students prepare for the upcoming school year



Mr. Fredrick Warren – Director of Bands leads the band of Pine Bluff High School in Band Camp for the upcoming 2021-2022 School Year.